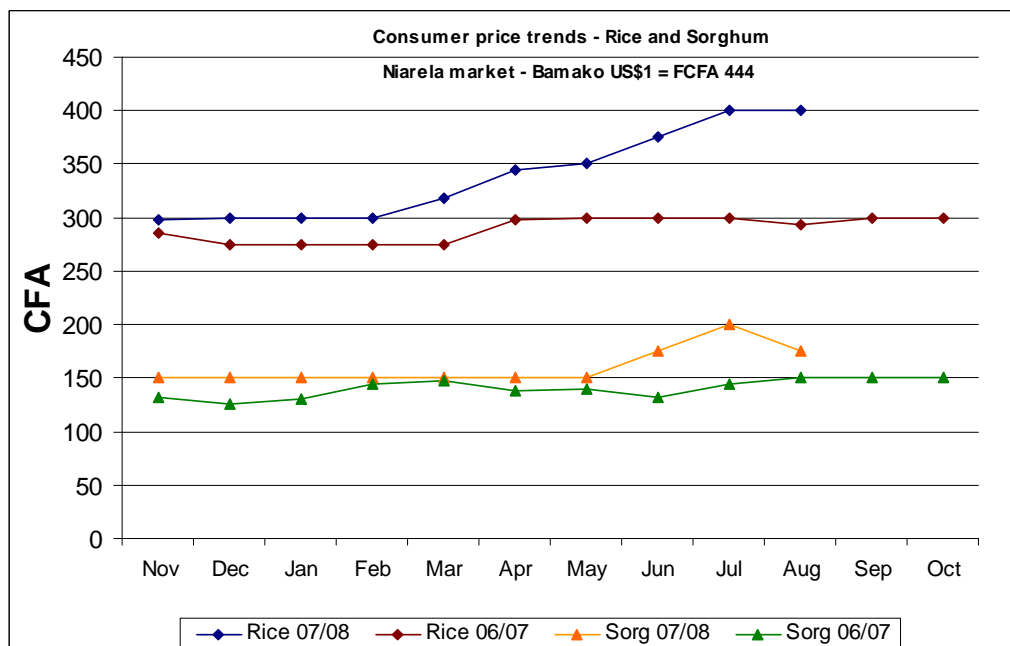




Mali – Periodic Update on the domestic food security situation USAID/Mali Summary --- Situation as of September 1, 2008

Director's perspective: During the month of August 2008, the consumer price of **millet and maize** in Niarela, the main cereal market in Bamako, have remained stable at FCFA 200/kilo, similar to last month prices. These prices are 33% higher than last year's at the same period. During the same period, the consumer price of **sorghum** has decreased by 12.5 compared to the previous month. This price is 16.6% higher than last year's at the same period but sensibly the same as the past five-year average. The consumer price of **Gambiana**, the preferred local rice variety, has remained high during the same period at FCFA 400 per kilo which is 36% higher than last year and than the past five year-average.



Source: Observatoire des Marchés Agricoles - OMA

More Details:

Rice Initiative: On August 28, 2008, the Government of Mali, Canada and the Netherlands signed separate agreements providing a total of FCFA 3.5 billion to support the Government of Mali's Rice Initiative¹. The Government of Canada is providing 4.9 million Canadian dollars (over FCFA 2 billion) to subsidize the purchase of fertilizer and 100 000 Canadian dollars to finance an audit of the rice initiative. The Government of Netherlands has increased its 2008 annual budgetary support by FCFA 1.3 billion.

¹ The total cost of the Government of Mali Rice Initiative is estimated at FCFA 10 billion of which half is financed by the Government of Mali.

Producer prices of rice: During the month of August 2008, the producer price of **Gambiaka**, the preferred rice variety has fluctuated slightly but remained generally stable, varying between a low of FCFA295/kilo to a high of FCFA 335/kilo.

Consumer prices of rice: During the month of August 2008, the consumer price of Gambiaka, has remained stable at FCFA 400/kilo in Niarela the main cereal market in Bamako. This price is 36% higher than last year and than the past five year-average. The imported variety of RM40 is retailing at CFA 375/kilo while imported Thai rice is retailing for CFA 500/kilo. The availability of subsidized imported rice remains scarce in the market.

Consumer price at regional level are as follows as of August 27, 2008:

Per kilogram, \$1= 444 Fcfa

	Ouaga/ ankaryare Burkina Faso	Bamako/ Niarela Mali	Niamey/ Katako Niger	Dakar/ Tilène Senegal	Abidjan Adjamé Cote d'Ivoire	Lagos/ Birnin Kebbi Nigeria	Lomé/ Ahodessawa Togo
Millet	185	200	-	250	-	-	-
Sorghum	172	175	-	225	-	-	-
Maize	188	200	-	385	-	-	-
rice – imp	425	375	-	400	-	-	-

Source: OMA

Additional local prices available on request see contact below.

Please note that the next update of the fact sheet will be published in November 2008.

Additional Sources of Information

- Observatoire du Marché Agricole (OMA) Market Information Office Mali www.oma.gov.ml/
- Système d'alerte précoce (SAP) National Early Warning System of the Government of Mali (www.sap.gov.ml)

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